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Identical letters dated 30 January 2003 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the daily report on the activities carried out by the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq on 30 January 2003.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Activities of the IAEA and UNMOVIC inspection teams in Iraq on 30 January 2003

1. Lt. General Amer Al-Sa'adi, Adviser to the Presidential Office, today addressed a letter to Mr. Hans Blix, Executive Chairman of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and Mr. Mohamed ElBaradei, Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), inviting them to visit Iraq before 10 February 2003 in order to discuss a number of questions related to the strengthening of cooperation and transparency with UNMOVIC and IAEA, and to consider jointly ways of verifying the disarmament issues that were raised at the meeting of the Security Council held on 27 January 2003. The letter also contained a proposal for considering ways of improving the mechanism for cooperation and consultation in order to re-establish the strengthened monitoring regime.

II. IAEA inspection regime

1. A first group, composed of three inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 9 a.m. and arrived at Nahrawan, 40 kilometres east of Baghdad. The group performed radiation surveys of the complex of tanneries and brickworks and of a military unit on the same site. The mission lasted approximately two hours, after which the group returned to the Canal Hotel.

2. A second group, composed of three inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 9.15 a.m. and arrived at the precision casting site of the 17 Nisan Company, which belongs to the Ministry of Industry and Minerals. The group met the site's director and questioned him about the company's organizational structure, the end-users of its products, the number of employees and the number holding advanced degrees. Next, the group inspected the production and maintenance workshops and the warehouses. It also verified declarations concerning the site and photographed the scrap metal used in production. Using portable equipment, the group also performed radiation surveys of the company in order to detect any radiation alleged to exist. The group finished its mission and returned to the Canal Hotel.

III. UNMOVIC inspection team (biological)

1. A first group, composed of seven inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.30 a.m. and arrived at the Awali distillery, one of the private-sector companies located in Khan Bani Sa'd, 30 kilometres east of Baghdad. The group met the factory's director and questioned him about the number of employees and engineers and the types of tests performed in the quality control laboratory. The group also inspected tagged equipment. The group completed its mission, which lasted approximately 1.5 hours, and returned to the Canal Hotel.

2. A second group, composed of seven inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.45 a.m. and arrived at the Tharthar distillery, another private company located in Khan Bani Sa'd, 30 kilometres east of Baghdad. The group inspected all of the company's facilities and asked about its activities and production. The group took a sample of the molasses separation cone. The group completed its mission, which lasted approximately 1.5 hours, and returned to the Canal Hotel.

3. A third group, composed of four inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 9 a.m. and arrived at the Central Health Laboratory, which belongs to the Ministry of Health and is located at Andalus Square in Baghdad. The group inspected the immunodeficiency laboratories located in the central laboratory building. The group asked about the existence of similar laboratories in the governorates of Iraq, the number of employees holding advanced degrees, whether the company had ties to the World Health Organization and whether there were students who were studying or being trained in these laboratories; it then enquired about the testing methods and types of equipment used and asked when these laboratories had been separated from the Central Health Laboratory. The group completed its mission, which lasted approximately one hour, and returned to the Canal Hotel.

IV. UNMOVIC inspection team (chemical)

The team, composed of 16 inspectors, took off from the Rashid airfield in two helicopters and arrived at the State Company for Petrochemical Industries, which belongs to the Ministry of Industry and Minerals and is located in Khawr al-Zubayr, in Basra governorate. The team met the establishment's deputy director and asked him questions about the ethylene plant. Next, the team inspected the plant and its production units, asking questions about production and the methods used. The team took a sample of an ethylene production unit. The team completed its mission, which lasted approximately four hours, and returned to the Rashid airfield by helicopter.

V. Interview

UNMOVIC asked to meet two Iraqi scientists and the National Monitoring Directorate informed them of the place and time of the meeting. The two scientists arrived and the Directorate encouraged them to hold the meeting, and they were not prevented from doing so. The first scientist asked to be accompanied by one of his colleagues who works with him in the Ministry of Industry and Minerals so that he could witness the interview; the second scientist requested the presence of two persons belonging to the National Monitoring Directorate so that they could also witness the meeting. UNMOVIC refused to hold the meeting.